

Salem High School
International Baccalaureate Diploma Program of Study
Admissions Policy

Open Enrollment Philosophy:

At Salem High School, we believe that students who wish to challenge themselves both academically and personally should be afforded the opportunity. We encourage our students to be academic risk-takers and to follow a challenging program of studies that addresses their interests while at the same time requires them to be well-rounded.

The role of the school is not to present hurdles over which students must jump, but challenges with which the school, parents, and community can support. Therefore, all students at Salem High School will be invited to enroll for admissions into the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP). The IB DP is not a competitive placement program. There is no set limit to the number of students who may participate in the Diploma Programme.

Academic Eligibility:

To be eligible and to remain eligible for placement in the IB Diploma Programme, a student must have earned an unweighted marking period Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or greater (GPA is cumulative at the end of their sophomore year). GPAs are calculated by multiplying the course grade (90-100/A - 4 points, 80-89/B - 3 points, 70-79/C - 2 points, 60-69/D - 1 point, and below 60/F - 0 point) by the number of credits and dividing the total by the number of credits attempted. A student who does not meet this criterion will be considered ineligible for IB placement.

IB Diploma Programme Outreach:

Because Salem High School promotes its open-enrollment policy, all sophomores will participate in an information session that educates students about the open-enrollment policy along with the benefits and challenges of IB. In an effort to bolster the participation from our Salem City students, our IB DP Coordinator and Counselor will provide information sessions to students at Salem Middle School for grades 6-8. The information session will include our open-enrollment policy, general information on the IB Diploma Programme, and strategies to be successful in school.

This policy is available on the International Baccalaureate section of the Salem High School website.

Invitation:

Salem High School invites all students to enroll for the IB Programme of study in January/February of their sophomore year. This invitation will be discussed during the information session. Additionally, a hard copy invitation with information about our open-enrollment policy will be sent home to all parents of our sophomore class.

Students choosing to participate in the IB Diploma Programme are not required to take an entrance exam. There is no minimum standardized test score, grade point average, or subject grade that must be achieved.